

# PROCRASTINATION, BEST QUOTES ON

I would rather be ashes than dust! I would rather that my spark should burn out in a brilliant blaze than it should be stifled by dry rot. I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet. The proper function of man is to live, not to exist. I shall not spend my days trying to prolong them. I shall use my time.

--Jack London

Procrastination is the grave in which opportunity is buried.

—John Mason

Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone.

—Pablo Picasso

I avoid doing things, because if I do not do them, I can't be said to fail at them.

--Sylvia Plath

Procrastination is a side effect of perfectionism. Afraid that we cannot do something perfectly, we hang back from trying at all. Often we call procrastination laziness, but it is not laziness. It is fear. As we learn to dismantle our perfectionism, we find ourselves free to move ahead. Our procrastination yields to baby steps in the direction of our dreams.

—Julia Cameron and  
Emma Lively

If you're early, you're on time. If you're on time, you're late.

—Unknown

Someday is not a day of the week.

—Denise  
Brennan-Nelson

One is daily annoyed by some little corner that needs clearing up and when by accident one at last is stirred to do the needful, one wonders that one should have stood the annoyance so long when such a little effort would have done away with it.

Moral: When in doubt, do it.

--Oliver Wendell  
Holmes, Jr.

The one thing worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to start.  
—German Proverb

Laziness grows on people; it begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chains.  
--Sir M. Hale

Procrastination is the fertilizer that makes difficulties grow.  
-- John C. Maxwell

Our greatest weariness comes from work not done.  
--Eric Hoffer

The first man gets the oyster, the second man gets the shell.  
--Andrew Carnegie

The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.  
--John F. Kennedy

Tomorrow (noun): A mystical land where 99% of all human productivity, motivation and achievement is stored.  
--Unknown

If you have to swallow a frog, don't look at it too long. It won't get any prettier.  
--Zig Ziglar

A primary reason people don't do new things is because they want to do them perfectly—first time. It's completely irrational, impractical, not workable—and yet, it's how most people run their lives. It's called *The Perfection Syndrome*.  
—John-Roger and Peter  
McWilliams

If and When were planted, and Nothing grew.  
—Proverb

Procrastination usually results in sorrowful regret. Today's duties put off until tomorrow give us a double burden to bear; the best way is to do them in their proper time.  
—Ida Scott Taylor

The itching sensation that some people mistake for ambition is merely inflammation of the wish bone.

--Unknown

The really happy people are those who have broken the chains of procrastination, those who find satisfaction in doing the job at hand. They're full of eagerness, zest, productivity. You can be, too.

—Norman Vincent Peale

Time wasted is existence; used is life.

—Edward Young

We are so scared of being judged that we look for every excuse to procrastinate.

—Erica Jong

Procrastination is a way for us to be satisfied with second-rate results; we can always tell ourselves we'd have done a better job if only we'd had more time. If you're good at rationalizing, you can keep yourself feeling rather satisfied this way, but it's a cheap happy. You're whittling your expectations of yourself down lower and lower.

—Richard O'Conner

Procrastination is like a credit card: it's a lot of fun until you get the bill.

—Christopher Parker

If you delay till to-morrow what ought to be done to-day, you overcharge the morrow with a burden which belongs not to it. You load the wheels of time, and prevent it from carrying you along smoothly. He who every morning plans the transactions of the day, and follows out the plan, carries on a thread which will guide him through the labyrinth of the most busy life. The orderly arrangement of his time is like a ray of light which darts itself through all his affairs. But where no plan is laid, where the disposal of time is surrendered merely to the chance of incidents, all things lie huddled together in one chaos, which admits neither of distribution nor review.

--Hugh Blair

Tackle any challenge at first sight; the longer you stare at it, the bigger it becomes. The lazier a man is, the more he's going to do tomorrow. The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.

—John Mason

I wish I could stand on a busy street corner, hat in hand, and beg people to throw me all their wasted hours.

--Bernard Berenson

Every morning you are handed 24 golden hours. They are one of the few things in this world that you get free of charge. If you had all the money in the world, you couldn't buy an extra hour. What will you do with this priceless treasure? Remember, you must use it, as it is given only once. Once wasted you cannot get it back.

--Unknown

Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.

--Thomas Jefferson

He has half the deed done who has made a beginning.

--Horace

## **TOMORROW**

He was going to be all that a mortal should be,  
Tomorrow.

No one should be kinder and braver than he,  
Tomorrow.

A friend who was troubled and weary he knew,  
Who'd be glad for a lift and who needed it, too.  
On him he would call and see what he could do,  
Tomorrow.

And thought of the folks he would fill with delight,  
Tomorrow.

It was too bad, indeed, he was busy today  
And hadn't a minute to stop on his way.  
More time he would have to give others, he say,  
Tomorrow.

The greatest of workers this man would have been,  
Tomorrow.

The world would have known him had he ever seen  
Tomorrow.

But the fact is he died and he faded from view,  
And all that he left here when living was through  
Was a mountain of things he intended to do,  
Tomorrow.

--Stan Miller

If I spent as much time doing the things I worry about getting done as I do worrying about doing them, I wouldn't have anything to worry about.

--Beryl Pfizer

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

--Will Rogers

He who postpones the hour of living rightly is like the rustic who waits for the river to run out before he crosses.

--Horace

One of the greatest labor saving devices of today is tomorrow.

--Vincent T. Foss

Tomorrow will be the most wonderful day in history. That's the day when we all are going to begin doing better.

--Unknown

One of the largest organizations in the world is the 'Ancient Order of Intenders.' There are no dues, but it costs you plenty to belong. It's easy to join. You simply start each day with the intention of accomplishing big things. Something comes along to throw you off the track. Then you decide your red-letter day will be tomorrow—that day never comes. The alibi-folks try to substitute intentions for initiative, apologies for action, and promises for performance.

--Unknown

Another reason many people do not hear opportunity knocking is that it usually knocks early in the morning and they sleep late.

--*Cincinnati Inquirer*

Up, sluggard, and waste not life; in the grave will be sleeping enough.

--Benjamin Franklin

All glory comes from daring to begin.

—Eugene F. Ware

'Mean to' don't pick no cotton.

—Southern Saying

He who is outside his door already has a hard part of his journey behind him.

--Dutch Proverb

Dost thou love life? Then waste not time, for time is the stuff that life is made of.  
--Benjamin Franklin

A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.  
--Charles Darwin

Failure is not our only punishment for laziness: there is also the success of others.  
--Jules Renard

It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all.  
--James Thurber

The effect of my procrastination is that, always busy with the preliminaries and antecedents, I am never able to begin to produce.  
--Henri Frederic Amiel

Why always 'Not yet'? Do flowers in spring say 'Not yet'?  
--Norman Douglas

In putting off what one has to do, one runs the risk of never being able to do it.  
--Charles Baudelaire

You say that you'll act, if Mrs. S. and Mrs. B. will begin. If so, none of you will do anything. Have you never heard the story of the bewitched forest—how an evil spirit told all the trees that the first of them to blossom in the spring would be withered and destroyed, and how each of them waited for someone else to begin, and so the whole forest remained dark and dead for a thousand years?  
--J. A. Spender

Conditions are never just right. People who delay action until all factors are favorable are the kind who do nothing.  
--William Feather

People would rather sleep their way through life than stay awake for it.  
--Edward Albee

A thing that has not been begun cannot be finished.  
--Robert Henri

Can anything be sadder than work left unfinished? Yes; work never begun.  
--Christina Rossetti

There are those who are so scrupulously afraid of doing wrong that they seldom venture to do anything.  
--Vauvenargues

The greater part of our lives is spent in dreaming over the morrow, and when it comes, it, too, is consumed in the anticipation of a brighter morrow, and so the cheat is prolonged, even to the grave.  
--Mark Rutherford

To be employed in useless things is half to be idle.  
--Thomas Fuller

Tomorrow begins today.  
--Unknown

Procrastination is not a problem. It's the result of a problem.  
--Lawrence Block

I have never met a lucky lazy person.  
--Allen E. Paulson

Today I saw a half-formed rainbow  
broken into bits and parts,  
reminding me that even God  
doesn't finish all He starts.  
--John D. Engle, Jr.

Procrastinators suffer from hardening of the oughteries.  
--*The Pundit*

No yesterdays are ever wasted for those who give themselves to today.  
--Brendan Francis

The fox that waited for the chickens to fall off their perch died of hunger.  
--Greek Proverb

Be not afraid of going slowly, be afraid only of standing still.  
--Chinese Proverb

He that has done nothing has known nothing.

--Thomas Carlyle

It is better to begin in the evening than not at all.

--English Proverb

Once begun,  
A task is easy; half the work is done.

--Horace

Nothing comes from nothing.

--Lucretius

Defer not till to-morrow to be wise;  
To-morrow's sun to thee may never rise.

--William Congreve

We are always getting ready to live, but never living.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

What may be done at any time will be done at no time.

--Thomas Fuller

Between saying and doing many a pair of shoes is worn out.

--Italian Proverb

procrastination is the  
art of keeping up with yesterday.

--Don Marquis

Procrastination is the thief of time.

--Edward Young

It's the job that's never started that takes longest to finish.

--J. R. R. Tolkien

The best part of our lives we pass in counting on what is to come.

--William Hazlitt

Live not as though there were a thousand years ahead of you. Fate is at your elbow; make yourself good while life and power are still yours.

--Marcus Aurelius

It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all.

--James Thurber

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.

--Benjamin Franklin

What use is a good head if the legs won't carry it?

--Yiddish Proverb

The opportunity that God sends does not wake up him who is asleep.

--Senegalese Proverb

Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness; no laziness; no procrastination; never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.

--Lord Chesterfield

There is one piece of advice, in a life of study, which I think no one will object to; and that is every now and then to be completely idle—to do nothing at all.

--Sydney Smith

Every man is, or hopes to be, an Idler.

--Samuel Johnson

Lost time is never found again.

--Benjamin Franklin

By the street of 'By and By' one arrives at the house of 'Never.'

--Miguel de Cervantes

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

--Benjamin Franklin

The second mouse gets the cheese!

—Terry Pratchett

He slept beneath the moon,  
He basked beneath the sun;  
He lived a life of going-to-do  
And died with nothing done.

--James Albery

Idleness is the stupidity of the body, and stupidity is the idleness of the mind.

--Johann G. Seume

He is not only idle who does nothing but he is idle who might be better employed.

--Socrates

Shun idleness. It is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals.

--Voltaire

Stand still and silently watch the world go by—and it will.

--Elmer Wheeler

Idleness is emptiness; the tree in which the sap is stagnant, remains fruitless.

--Hosea Ballou

We excuse our sloth under the pretext of difficulty.

--Quintilian

Expect poison from the standing water.

--William Blake

To do nothing is the way to be nothing.

--Nathaniel Howe

There's always free cheese in a mousetrap.

--Tom Waits

A beginning is half of the whole.

--Greek Proverb

He who awaits much can expect little.

--Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Late starters are seldom winners.

--Unknown

I believe that the source of most human misery is indolence and sloth. The nation that has the most vigour is also always the freest and the happiest.

--Georg Christoph  
Lichtenberg

A sleepy man catches no fish.

--Maltese Proverb

He who puts off nothing till tomorrow has done a great deal.

--Baltasar Gracian

Possessions dwindle: I mourn their loss. But I mourn the loss of time much more; for anyone can save his purse, but none can win back lost time.

--Latin Proverb

We cannot repair the wasted time of the past.

--Seneca

You will not be so dependent on tomorrow if you make an effort today.

—Seneca

Seize the day; put no trust in the morrow!

--Horace

Tomorrow's life is too late. Live today.

--Martial

No thoroughly occupied man has ever been known to be miserable.

--Letitia Elizabeth  
Landon

The idle person is not much better than a dead one and takes up a lot more room.

--Unknown

A man is truly poor, not when he has nothing, but when he does nothing.

--Unknown

The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.  
--Unknown

Anybody who brags about what he's going to do tomorrow probably did the same thing yesterday.  
—John Mason

Waiting is a form of passive persistence.  
—Ogwo David Emenike

Nothing's going to come to you by sitting around and waiting for it.  
—Zoe Kazan

Never keep long and be waiting. Waiters and quitters have just a slight difference but a common end.  
—Israelmore Ayivor

Waiting makes wine better; but waiting makes man decay!  
—Mehmet Murat ildan

If you wait to do everything until you're sure it's right, you'll probably never do much of anything.  
—Win Borden

I would not sit waiting for some value tomorrow, nor for something to happen. One could wait a lifetime. ... I would make something happen.  
—Louis L'Amour

If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.  
—Mario Andretti

Don't wait for your ship to come in - swim out to it.  
—Jerry Smith

If you wait for tomorrow, tomorrow comes. If you don't wait for tomorrow, tomorrow comes.  
—Senegalese Proverb

If you wait for opportunities to occur, you will be one of the crowd.  
—Edward de Bono

When a man says he is going to do this or that tomorrow, ask him what he did yesterday.

--Unknown

There is nothing to be gained by waiting for a better situation. You see where you are and you do what you can with that.

—Jacob K. Javits

If we wait until we're ready, we'll be waiting for the rest of our lives.

—Lemony Snicket

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.

—Abraham Lincoln

Procrastination is the greatest labor saving invention of all time.

--Wayne Dyer

Waiting is a trap. There will always be reasons to wait. The truth is, there are only two things in life, reasons and results, and reasons simply don't count.

—Robert Anthony

Waiting is the rust of the soul.

—Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Most people who sit around waiting for their ship to come in often find it is a hardship.

--Unknown

The main thing that comes to a man who waits is regret for having waited.

--Unknown

A lot of folks postpone until tomorrow those things they should have done several days ago.

--Unknown

A procrastinator is one who puts off until tomorrow the things he has already put off until today.

--Unknown

Hard work is usually an accumulation of easy things that should have been done last week.

--John Mason

You cannot escape the responsibilities of tomorrow by evading them today.

--Abraham Lincoln

It is doubtful if anyone ever made a success of anything who waited around until all the conditions were 'just right' before starting.

--Unknown

Do it now! Today will be yesterday tomorrow.

--Unknown

Good resolutions are like babies crying in church: they should be carried out immediately.

—Charles Sheldon

Time wasted thinking up excuses would be better spent avoiding the need for them.

--Unknown

Killing time is not murder, it's suicide.

—John Mason

Kill procrastination, not time.

—John Mason

If you want to kill time, why not try working it to death?

--Sam Levinson

Time is like money—you can only spend it once.

--Unknown

The hardest work some people do is describing the work they do.

--Unknown

No time like the present.

--Mary de la Riviere  
Manley

Idleness is only the refuge of weak minds.

--Philip Dormer Stanhope

Remember that time is money.

--Benjamin Franklin

Procrastination is a waste of time.

--Philippa Perry

Luck is the idol of the idle.

--Proverb

The supreme value is not the future but the present. The future is a deceitful time that always says to us, 'Not yet,' and thus denies us. The future is not the time of love: what man truly wants he wants now. Whoever builds a house for future happiness builds a prison for the present.

--Octavia Paz

Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow.

--William Brighty Rands

No idleness, no laziness, no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

-Lord Chesterfield

He who hesitates is last.

--Mae West

Restfulness is a quality for cattle; the virtues are all active, life is alert.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

By doing nothing, men learn to do evil.

--Columella

As good have no time as make no good use of it.

--Thomas Fuller

How much of human life is lost in waiting!

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Idleness is the burial of a living man.

--Jeremy Taylor

Do not allow idleness to deceive you; for while you give him today he steals tomorrow from you.

--Alfred Crowquill

By the streets of 'by and by,' one arrives at the house of 'never.'

--Miguel de Cervantes

When a fool has made up his mind the market has gone by.

--Spanish Proverb

I have only just a minute,  
Only sixty seconds in it,  
Forced upon me—can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.  
But it's up to me to use it.  
I must suffer if I lose it.  
Give account if I abuse it,  
Just a tiny little minute—  
But eternity is in it.

--Benjamin E. Mays

Laziness has many disguises. Soon 'winter doldrums' will become 'spring fever.'

--Bern Williams

The person with time to burn never gave the world any light.

--Unknown

The one thing worse than a quitter is the person who is afraid to begin.

--Unknown

Well done is better than well said.

--Ben Franklin

One of these days is none of these days.

--H. G. Bohn

Nothing makes a person more productive than the last minute.

--Unknown

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.

--Benjamin Franklin

Procrastination is opportunity's natural assassin.

--Victor Kiam

There is no such thing as a long piece of work, except one that you dare not start.

--Charles Baudelaire

Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness; no laziness; no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

--Lord Chesterfield

Procrastination is the father of failure.

--Elbert Hubbard

What can be done at any time is never done at all.

--English Proverb

I'd love to be a procrastinator, but I never seem to get around to it.

--Chris Dundee

You'll always miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

--Wayne Gretzky

Manage your time and you will be managing your life.

--Greg Henry Quinn

Waste neither time nor money, but make the best use of both. Without industry and frugality, nothing will do, and with them everything.

--Benjamin Franklin

Short as life is, we make it still shorter by the careless waste of time.

--Victor Hugo

Time is at once the most valuable and the most perishable of all our possessions.

--John Randolph

In delay there lies no plenty.

--William Shakespeare

You will never 'find' time for anything. If you want time you must make it.

--Charles Buxton

Lose an hour in the morning, and you will spend all day looking for it.

--Richard Whately

Mañana is often the busiest day of the week.

--Spanish Saying

Time is an equal opportunity employer. Each human being has exactly the same number of hours and minutes every day. Rich people can't buy more hours. Scientists can't invent new minutes. And you can't save time to spend it on another day. Even so, time is amazingly fair and forgiving. No matter how much time you've wasted in the past, you still have an entire tomorrow. Success depends upon using it wisely by planning and setting priorities. The fact is, time is worth more than money, and by killing time, we are killing our own chances for success.

--Denis Waitley

On the Plains of Hesitation bleach the bones of countless millions who, at the Dawn of Victory, sat down to wait, and waiting—died!

--George W. Cecil

When duty calls me, I'm prepared  
as though our goals were aimed and shared.  
I draw my breath in, shoulders straight,  
and quietly procrastinate.

--Alison Wyrley Birch

Lost  
yesterday  
somewhere between sunrise and sunset  
two golden hours  
each set with sixty diamond minutes.  
No reward is offered  
for they are gone forever.

--Horace Mann

Procrastination gives you something to look forward to.

--Joan Konner

How pleasant it is, at the end of the day,  
No follies to have to repent;  
But to reflect on the past, and be able to say,  
That my time has been properly spent.

--Anne Taylor

Talk doesn't cook rice.

--Chinese Proverb

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,  
Old Time is still a-flying,  
And this same flower that smiles to-day  
To-morrow will be dying.

--Robert Herrick

There is one kind of robber whom the law does not strike at, and who steals what is most precious to men: time.

--Napoleon I

Sloth makes all things difficult, but industry, all things easy. He that rises late must trot all day, and shall scarce overtake his business at night, while laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.

--Benjamin Franklin

The person who is waiting for something to turn up might start with their shirt-sleeves.

--Garth Henrichs

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

--Abraham Lincoln

If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.

--Rita Mae Brown

Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow. Delay may give clearer light as to what is best to be done.

--Aaron Burr

Time waste differs from material waste in that there can be no salvage.

--Henry Ford

Wasted time means wasted lives.

—Robert R. Shannon

This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind...let it be something good.

--Unknown

Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you.

--Carl Sandburg

There is no moment like the present. The man who will not execute his resolutions when they are fresh upon him can have no hope from them afterwards; they will be dissipated, lost, and perish in the hurry and scurry of the world, or sunk in the slough of indolence.

--Marie Edgeworth

By the street of By-and-By, one arrives at the house of Never.

--Miguel de Cervantes

It is an undoubted truth that the less one has to do the less time one finds to do it in. One yawns, one procrastinates, one can do it when one will, and, therefore, one seldom does it at all; whereas those who have a great deal of business must (to use a vulgar expression) buckle to it; and then they always find time enough to do it in.

--Lord Chesterfield

Time is the one thing that can never be retrieved. One may lose and regain a friend; one may lose and regain money; opportunity once spurned may come again; but the hours that are lost in idleness can never be brought back to be used in gainful pursuits.

--C. R. Lawton

Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well arranged mind.

--Isaac Pitman

You will never 'find' time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.  
--Charles Bixton

During a very busy life I have often been asked, 'How did you manage to do it all?'  
The answer is very simple. It is because I did everything promptly.  
--Sir Richard Tangye

Putting off for tomorrow what you can do today has one advantage: you may be  
dead tomorrow and then you won't have to do it.  
--Unknown

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today—there may be a law against it  
tomorrow.  
—Unknown

A procrastinator never has small problems because he always waits until they  
grow up.  
--Unknown

Tomorrow ought to be the longest day in the week—judging from the number of  
things we are going to do then.  
--Unknown

Yesterday is a cancelled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is the only  
cash you have—so spend it wisely.  
--Kay Lyons

One always has time enough, if one will apply it well.  
--Johann Wolfgang von  
Goethe

He that sleeps much, learns little.  
—Spanish Proverb

If the day starts before you do, you never catch up. You spend all your time running  
after what you should have already done, and no matter how much you hurry, you  
never finish the race in a tie. The day wins.  
--Michael Dorris

You may delay, but Time will not.  
--Benjamin Franklin

Martha had never paid much attention to time, because there was always more of it than she knew what to do with.

--Zilpha Keatley Snyder

Life, as it is called, is for most of us one long postponement.

—Henry Miller

Procrastination is the fear of success. People procrastinate because they are afraid of the success that they know will result if they move ahead now. Because success is heavy, carries responsibility with it, it is much easier to procrastinate and live on the 'someday I'll' philosophy.

—Denis Waitley

Do you know what happens when you give a procrastinator a good idea? Nothing!

—Donald Gardner

Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our lives, that we are dying. Then we might live life to the limit, every minute of every day. Do it! I say. Whatever you want to do, do it now! There are only so many tomorrows.

—Michael Landon

You can't build your reputation on what you're going to do.

--Henry Ford

If you believe you can accomplish everything by 'cramming' at the eleventh hour, by all means, don't lift a finger now. But you may think twice about beginning to build your ark once it has already started raining.

—Max Brooks

Time is what we want most but what we use worst.

--William Penn

Much of the stress that people feel doesn't come from having too much to do. It comes from not finishing what they started.

—David Allen

You cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind.

—Gordon B. Hinckley

I don't wait for moods. You accomplish nothing if you do that. Your mind must know it has got to get down to work.

—Pearl S. Buck

Hard work is often the easy work you did not do at the proper time.

--Bernard Meltzer

I am humbled by my realization of the sacredness of the time we are given and stunned by our irreverence for the time we have.

--Paul Pearsall

Competing pressures tempt one to believe that an issue deferred is a problem avoided; more often it is a crisis invented.

--Henry Kissinger

It was my fear of failure that first kept me from attempting the master work. Now, I'm beginning what I could have started ten years ago. But I'm happy at least that I didn't wait twenty years.

—Paulo Coelho

Procrastination is suicide on the installment plan.

-- Arnold Bennett

He who hesitates is sometimes saved.

--James Thurber

Nothing would be done at all if a man waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.

--Cardinal Newman

It may be too late already, but it's not as much too late now as it will be later.

--C. H. Weisert

I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

--Douglas Adams

You will never win if you never begin.

--Helen Rowland

You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.

--Henry Ford

He who hesitates is a damned fool.

--Mae West

Delay always breeds danger; and to protract a great design is often to ruin it.

--Miguel de Cervantes

I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them.

--E. V. Lucas

There are two cardinal sins from which all others spring: Impatience and Laziness.

--Franz Kafka

Putting off a simple thing makes it hard, and putting off a hard thing makes it impossible. Discouragement follows any decision to avoid a priority.

—John Mason

The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time

--Bertrand Russell

Never let the demands of tomorrow interfere with the pleasures and excitement of today.

--Meredith Willson

Nothing, of course, begins at the time you think it did.

-Lillian Hellman

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.

--Mark Twain

How did it get so late so soon?

--Dr. Seuss

What is not started today is never finished tomorrow.

—Johann Wolfgang von  
Goethe

Hard work often pays off after time, but laziness always pays off now.

--Larry Kersten

Whatever we'll be forced to do later, we should be doing now.

—Dennis Weaver

Live every day like it's your second to last so you can still procrastinate.

—Jeff Stahler

The human body has two ends on it: one to create with and one to sit on. Sometimes people get their ends reversed. When this happens they need a kick in the seat of the pants.

—Theodore Roosevelt

Those who make the worst use of their time are the first to complain of its shortness.

—Jean de la Bruyere

The only thing that ever sat its way to success was a hen.

—Sarah Brown

If you give yourself to your task at once, you won't have to do it twice.

—David Seabury

High achievers spot rich opportunities swiftly, make big decisions quickly and move into action immediately. Follow these principles and you can make your dreams come true.

—Robert H. Schuller

The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.

—Franklin P. Jones

My new novel is about a guy who procrastinates. I'm starting it tomorrow.

—Wayne E. Pollard

Procrastination is the difference between what you are doing and what you should be doing.

—Piers Steel

Winning starts with beginning.

—Robert H. Schuller

I'm not a procrastinator. I just prefer doing all my work in a deadline-induced panic.

—*invisiblebread.com*

Procrastination is the thief of time, and so is every other big word.

--Unknown

The reason why so little is done, is generally because so little is attempted.

—Samuel Smiles

Procaffinator, n. One who puts off tasks until after the first cup of coffee or tea.

--Unknown

The unfinished is nothing.

--Henri Frederic Amiel

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one.

--Mark Twain

The day will happen whether or not you get up.

—John Ciardi

I procrastinate when it comes to sex.

—Slogan

Do not wait; the time will never 'be just right.' Start where you stand, and work with whatever tools you may have at your command, and better tools will be found as you go along.

—George Herbert

Academics, who work for long periods in a self-directed fashion, may be especially prone to putting things off: surveys suggest that the vast majority of college students procrastinate, and articles in the literature of procrastination often allude to the author's own problems with finishing the piece.

—James Surowiecki

Your Life Is Happening Right Now: Don't let procrastination take over your life. Be brave and take risks. Your life is happening right now.

—Roy T. Bennett

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—Mark Twain

You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water.

—Rabindranath Tagore

A good plan violently executed now is better than a perfect plan executed next week.

—George S. Patton

Teachers who complain 'These kids have no work ethic' couldn't be farther off the mark. The problem is not that these kids lack a work ethic; the problem is that some of them see no connection between a work ethic and school. None of them would think, for example, to say to a customer at the MacDonald's drive-up window, 'Do you think I could get you those Chicken McNuggets some time tomorrow?' Yet we give sanction to that sort of request when it comes to school assignments.

—Garret Keizer

The Way Get Started Is To Quit Talking And Begin Doing.

—Walt Disney

It's a terrible thing, I think, in life to wait until you're ready. I have this feeling now that actually no one is ever ready to do anything. There is almost no such thing as ready. There is only now. And you may as well do it now. Generally speaking, now is as good a time as any.

—Hugh Laurie

When it comes to eating right and exercising, there is no 'I'll start tomorrow.' Tomorrow is disease.

—Terri Guillemets

The Spaniards are good at many things, but not at making war. All foreigners are alike appalled by their inefficiency, above all their maddening unpunctuality. The one word that no foreigner can avoid learning is mañana.

—George Orwell

Don't plant a seed just a day before you need the fruit.

—Aarush Kashyap

Delay is preferable to error.

—Thomas Jefferson

The best way to handle most flare-ups is to sleep on them. Avoid acting out of anger and creating an even stickier mess. And if you're lucky, the problem may resolve itself.

—Jerry Reinsdorf

Hesitancy in judgment is the only true mark of the thinker.

—Dagobert D. Runes

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

—Pope John Paul II

Punctuality is closely related to faithfulness and dependability. Being tardy can be linked to uninterest, apathy, slothfulness and procrastination.

—Sterling W. Sill

Oversleeping is a mighty poor way to make your dreams come true.

--Unknown

Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task.

—William James

Following-through is the only thing that separates dreamers from people that accomplish great things.

—Gene Hayden

Stop talking. Start walking.

—L. M. Heroux

Doing just a little bit during the time we have available puts you that much further ahead than if you took no action at all.

—Byron Pulsifer

So what do we do? Anything. Something. So long as we just don't sit there. If we screw it up, start over. Try something else. If we wait until we've satisfied all the uncertainties, it may be too late.

—Lee Iacocca

We shall never have more time. We have, and have always had, all the time there is. No object is served in waiting until next week or even until tomorrow. Keep going day in and day out. Concentrate on something useful. Having decided to achieve a task, achieve it at all costs.

—Arnold Bennett

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.

—Martin Luther  
King, Jr.

So many fail because they don't get started—they don't go. They don't overcome inertia. They don't begin.

—Ben Stein

Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion.

--C. Northcote Parkinson

It is while we are young that the habit of industry is formed. If not then, it never is afterwards.

--Thomas Jefferson

Not postponing chores-and not spending any mental energy equivocating, temporizing, or stalling-is actually a lot more restful than worrying about what needs to be done.

—Veronique Vienne

There is no daily chore so trivial that it cannot be made important by skipping it two days running.

—Robert Brault

What a fearful object a long-neglected duty gets to be.

--Chauncey Wright

A duty dodged is like a debt unpaid; it is only deferred, and we must come back and settle the account at last.

--Joseph F. Newton

Success comes to the man who does today what you were thinking of doing tomorrow.

--Evan Esar

The work you do while you procrastinate is probably the work you should be doing for the rest of your life.

—Jessica Hische

Overcoming procrastination is not, I repeat, not about cramming additional work into your day . . . overcoming procrastination is about simplifying your life to make space for the activities that matter most.

—Richie Norton

The organizational meeting of the procrastination club has been put off until next week.

—Unknown

Pile up too many tomorrows and you'll find that you've collected nothing but a bunch of empty yesterdays.

—*The Music Man*

I picture 'loafing' as William Powell in a dressing gown, a la *The Thin Man*, solving a murder with a drink in his hand. 'Procrastination' is Bevis & Butt-Head. Whatever you call it, it's decidedly not doing the thing you're supposed to be working on.

—Yi Shun Lai

Procrastination may be particularly conducive to creativity when it leaves us solving problems at moments where we're unfocused.

—Adam Grant

I get up, wash my dishes, sweep my floor, hang up clothing...things that let my brain do its word-thing.

—Deborah Shadovitch,  
Writer

I believe that taking my attention off my writing and putting it elsewhere can benefit the writing. I think that's the subconscious at work. It's why I have epiphanies when I'm driving or riding my horse or taking a shower.

—Susan Mihalic

Failure always catches up with those who sit down and wait for success.

--Unknown

People in the West are always getting ready to live.

--Chinese Proverb

Never do today what you can do tomorrow. Something may occur to make you regret your premature action.

—Aaron Burr

Learn to enjoy every minute of your life. Be happy now. Don't wait for something outside of yourself to make you happy in the future. Think how really precious is the time you have to spend, whether it's at work or with your family. Every minute should be enjoyed and savored.

—Earl Nightingale

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another.

Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough, and we'll be more content when they are.

After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with.

We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage.

We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our partner gets his or her act together when we get a nicer car, are able to go on a nice holiday, when we retire.

The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when?

Your life will always be filled with challenges.

It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway.

This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.

So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time...and remember that time waits for no one. So, stop waiting until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until winter, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink.... there is no better time than right now to be happy.

Happiness is a journey, not a destination.

Work like you don't need money,

Love like you've never been hurt,

And dance like no one's watching.

—Robert Westerburg

In matrimony, to hesitate is sometimes to be saved.

--Samuel Butler

As long as we continue to think we will be happy in the future, we will never be happy in the moment, and that is the same as saying that we will never be happy. If we think that our lives will be better when we get that better job or retire, stay or go, gain or lose weight, or when our children grow and leave or come back, we are putting off the happiness that there is in today.

—Aminu Kano

Don't wait for things to get better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now, otherwise you'll run out of time.

—*Brightside.Me*

Stop waiting for Friday, for summer, for someone to fall in love with you, for life. Happiness is achieved when you stop waiting for it and make the most of the moment you are in now.

—Unknown

Do not put your work off till to-morrow and the day after; for a sluggish worker does not fill his barn, nor one who puts off his work: industry makes work go well, but a man who puts off work is always at hand-grips with ruin.

--Hesiod

It is thus with farming: if you do one thing late, you will be late in all your work.

--Cato the Elder

First, I clean the typewriter. Then I go through my shelves and return all borrowed books. Then I play with my three children. Then, if it's warm, I go for a swim. Then I find some friends to have a drink with. By then, it's time to clean the typewriter again.

—Budd Schulberg  
(Author)

Nothing would be done at all if a man waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.

--Cardinal Newman

While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.

--Henry C. Link

To fight fear, act. To increase fear—wait, put off, postpone.

—David Joseph Schwartz

Procrastination makes easy things hard, hard things harder.

—Mason Cooley

A man who procrastinates in his choosing will inevitably have his choice made for him by circumstance.

—Hunter S. Thompson

The idle always have a mind to do something.

—Marquis  
De Vauvenargues

I like the word ‘indolence’. It makes my laziness seem classy.

—Bern Williams

I remember reading somewhere about an organization called *Procrastinators Anonymous*. I think they had been in existence for some years but had never gotten around to having a meeting.

—Unknown

Life lived for tomorrow will always be just a day away from being realized.

—Leo Buscaglia

One day, you will wake up and there won't be any more to do the things you've always wanted. DO IT NOW.

—Paulo Coelho

That's why there's the snooze bar. Nothing like starting off the day with a little procrastination. As my first decision of the day...I will go back to sleep.

—Jim Gaffigan

Later is the best friend of clutter.

—MaryAnne Bennie

When we procrastinate, we also put a hold on happiness.

—Charles F. Glassman

You always wait for tomorrow. But let me clue you in. Tomorrow was yesterday.

—Penelope Douglas

Tired is a feeling.  
Lazy is a behavior.  
Don't confuse the two.

—Steve Maraboli

There is nothing that steals man's time, his talents, his vigor, his energy, even his prospects of salvation, in greater degree than the crime of procrastination.

—Reed Smoot

I don't procrastinate. I wait until the last minute to do things because I will be older and therefore wiser.

—Internet Meme

Those who make the worst use of their time are the first to complain of its brevity.

—Jean de la Bruyere

Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.

—Internet Meme

If you refuse to deal with time today, time will deal with you tomorrow.

—Michael Bassey  
Johnson

Procrastination is a form of punishment.

—Jill Badonsky

The best way to save some time is to use it.

—Carl Hammar

Indecision and delays are the parents of failure.

—George Canning

If you keep thinking about what you want to do or what you hope will happen, you don't do it, and it won't happen.

—Desiderius Erasmus

There is nothing so fatal to character as half finished tasks.

—David Lloyd George

Time flies, but remember you're the navigator.

—*St. Louis Bugle*

People don't procrastinate just to be ornery or because they're irrational. They procrastinate because it makes sense, given how vulnerable they feel to criticism, failure, and their own perfectionism.

—Niel Fiore

I had a lot of stuff to do today. Now I have a lot of stuff to do tomorrow.

—Internet Meme

Of all human activities, writing is the one for which it is easiest to find excuses not to begin—the desk's too big, the desk's too small, there's too much noise, there's too much quiet, it's too hot, too cold, too early, too late. I had learned over the years to ignore them all, and simply to start.

—Robert Harris

There's only one person who needs a glass of water oftener than a small child tucked in for the night, and that's a writer sitting down to write.

—Mignon McLaughlin

Remember that wasted minute at the start of the day? Hard luck but you'll never find it again.

—Cleveland W. Gibson

The fact that I procrastinate and still get the job done is the reason I still procrastinate.

—Internet Meme

The only way I wouldn't procrastinate is if one of my friends was killed every hour I didn't do my tasks. & even then, you know. Which friend?

—Ariana Lenarsky

As an adult, any 'free time' you have is actually just you procrastinating something.

—Internet Meme

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.

—George Hearn

I would be unstoppable, if only I could just get started!

—Internet Meme

As a writer, I need an enormous amount of time alone. Writing is 90 percent procrastination: reading magazines, eating cereal out of the box, watching infomercials. It's a matter of doing everything you can to avoid writing, until it is about four in the morning and you reach the point where you have to write. Having anybody watching that or attempting to share it with me would be grisly.

—Paul Rudnick

Due tomorrow means do tomorrow.

—Melissa Ceylan

With age, gone are the forevers of youth. Gone is the willingness to procrastinate, delay, to play the waiting game. Now each day is a treasure beyond compare . . . because there are so few such diadems left.

—Joe L. Wheeler

Squandering time is a luxury of profligate youth, when the years are to us as dollars are to billionaires. Doing the same thing in middle age just makes you nervous, not with vague puritan guilt but the more urgent worry that you're running out of time, a deadline you can feel in your cells.

—Tim Kreider

I'm a multi-procrastinator. I can put a bunch of stuff off, all at the same time!

—<https://theheartysoul.com>

There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called yesterday and the other is called tomorrow, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.

—Dalai Lama

I think I still have some unfinished procrastinating to do from yesterday.

—Internet Meme

One learns quickly to loosen their grip on perfectionism, lest they break a finger.

—Ericka McIntyre

Studies have shown that it takes us 20 minutes to return to our task with full concentration after checking email one time.

—Dana Shavin

You can't plow a field simply by turning it over in your mind.

—Gordon B. Hinckley

Whatever you can do or dream, you can begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Begin it now.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Goals are dreams with deadlines.

—Diana Scharf Hunt

Procrastination is the bad habit of putting off until the day after tomorrow what should have been done the day before yesterday.

—Napoleon Hill

The wise does at once what the fool does at last.

—Baltasar Gracian

I find it helps to organize chores into categories: Things I won't do now; Things I won't do later; Things I'll never do.

—Internet Meme

Crap! That's due tomorrow?

—Thomas Jefferson  
(July 3, 1776)  
Internet Meme

I [don't] write about [things] immediately because procrastination is the only way I get anything done. I'm usually not motivated by anything other than a fast-approaching deadline....I do my best stuff when it's like a train is chasing me. When I can hear every second of the clock ticking louder.

—Cassandra Lipp

If I waited until I had all my ducks in a row, I'd never get across the street. Sometimes you just have to gather up what you've got and make a run for it.

—Judge Lynn Toler

I'm having a vision problem today. I can't see myself doing much.

—Internet Meme

I am a person who wants to do a lot of things trapped in a body that doesn't.  
—Internet Meme

I never finish anything. I have a black belt in partial arts.  
—*funnytweeter.com*

Don't save your best move for some other day. Put your best efforts today so that you will think and do better than that best for tomorrow.  
—Internet Meme

Don't be mad at lazy people. They didn't do anything.  
—Internet Meme

Putting things off is the biggest waste of life: it snatches away each day as it comes, and denies us the present by promising the future. The greatest obstacle to living is expectancy, which hangs upon tomorrow, and loses today. You are arranging what lies in Fortune's control, and abandoning what lies in yours. What are you looking at? To what goal are you straining? The whole future lies in uncertainty: live immediately.

—Seneca

You don't have to be great to get started, but you do have to get started to be great.  
—Les Brown

The cost of procrastination is the life you could've lived.  
—Gershona Annor

Without the spur of competition we'd loaf out our life.  
—Arnold Glasow

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.  
—H. Jackson Brown

Wasted potential is a lot scarier than feeling overwhelmed. There is no monster greater than regret.  
—Jenna Woginrich

Every morning, you have two choices: Go back to sleep and dream OR Get up and catch your dreams.  
—Internet Meme

Beginning is scary, exciting, terrifying, and all things amazing. Begin even when you're not sure.....What do you have to lose?

—Chris Burkmenn

The early bird gets the worm...what about the worm? He was up early and got eaten alive.

—Internet Meme

Anyone who has ever said, 'I'm just going to let these dishes soak' has no intention of doing those dishes.

—*crafty.diply.com*

Your competition isn't other people. Your competition is your procrastination. Your ego. The unhealthy food you're consuming, the knowledge you neglect. The negative behavior you're nurturing & your lack of creativity. Compete against that.

—*fabQuote.com*

Stop letting your potential go to waste because you don't feel confident or ready enough. People with half your talent are making serious waves while you're still waiting to feel ready.

—Internet Meme

There is a huge misconception that you need motivation to get started. It's completely wrong. You need to start, where you are, how you are... start. You need to start, to get motivation.

—Denzel Washington

The best time to tackle a minor problem is before it grows up.

—Hermine Hartley

Lazy is a very strong word. I like to call it 'selective participation.'

—Internet Meme

We all sometimes waste time. However, that doesn't mean you're dumb, lazy, or broken. Being negative towards yourself only enforces the need to procrastinate. Instead, be aware of your feelings as you waste time. Accept all that you feel, good and bad. With this process, you'll slowly begin overcoming procrastination.

—*theChive*

To those of us who often procrastinate on the decision we feel intimidated by lack of education or any area of weakness. I relieve you with this statement: It is not how much you know that arms you with the tools of great decision making, but rather how much you ask. Ask questions.

—T. D. Jakes

Decisions. Where, what, why? Can't handle them. So I'm prolonging the indecision with higher education.

—Kamila Shamsie

Today I'm doing nothing because I started doing it yesterday and I wasn't finished and I'm no quitter.

—Internet Meme

No matter how slow you go, you are still lapping everybody on the couch.

—Internet Meme

Start now.

Start where you are.

Start with fear.

Start with pain.

Start with doubt.

Start with hands shaking.

Start with voice trembling.

Just start.

—Internet Meme

Your first podcast will be awful.

Your first video will be awful.

Your first article will be awful.

Your first art will be awful.

Your first photo will be awful.

Your first game will be awful.

But you can't make your 50th without making your first.

So get it over with, and make it.

—Internet Meme

The saddest five words in the English language are: I wish I would have.

—Ray M. Smythe

The hardest thing to remember, looking back, is what you were waiting for.  
—Robert Brault

Never wait for a perfect moment,  
Just take a moment and make it perfect.

—Internet Meme

I'm afraid that fulfilling my potential would really cut into my sitting around time.  
—Maria Bamford

The life you want is on the other side of the things you don't want to do.  
—Internet Meme

I'm learning skills I will use for the rest of my life by doing homework...procrastinating and negotiation.

—Bill Waterson

If we let ourselves, we shall always be waiting for some distraction or other to end before we can really get down to our work. The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while the conditions are still unfavorable. Favorable conditions never come.

—C. S. Lewis

Procrastination is too high a price to pay for fear of failure. To conquer fear, you have to feel the fear and take action anyway. Forget motivation. Just do it. Act your way into feeling, not wait for positive emotions to carry you forward.

—John Maxwell

I used to be a crastinator...but then I decided to go pro.

—Internet Meme

I'm pottering about, I'm picking up books and putting them down again, I'm chatting gaily on the phone, I'm eating tortilla chips. But inwardly, inwardly, I'm in violent Luciferian rebellion against the angels of adulthood, of responsibility, of unfreedom. I'm clenched, I'm sulfurous. I brood, with fiery pinions. I won't go to the bloody bank. I won't go to the post office. I might not shave. Expecting something from me? Feedback? A prompt reply? A timely handling of something or other? Good luck.

—James Parker

A worm is a pretty disappointing prize for getting up early if you ask me.

—Internet Meme

The internet is my procrastination of choice. In mere minutes, you (I) can go from reading a thought-provoking, well-written article about the human condition to clickbait about Kourtney Kardashian and Travis Barker channeling vampires in their blood-sucking new selfie. Not to mention laundry, petting the cat, snacks, scrolling Instagram, and playing solitaire.

—Nancy Franklin

Some say if only my fears and doubts will leave then I will get to work. But instead you should get to work and then your fears and doubts will leave.

—Dwight L. Moody

There's just not enough time in the day for all the stuff I'm not going to do.

—[inspireuplift.com](http://inspireuplift.com)

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